However, on account of financial stringency under the Central Sector Road programme, it is difficult to declare new National Highway in any State including Punjab for the present.

Green Line/White Line Services on Certain Routes

3794. SHRI RAM DEV BHANDARI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Green Line, White Line bus service operating on route Nos. 100, 131, 730, 740 and a large number of students and Government servants, old persons and ladies have to face considerable hardship as the ordinary buses are overcrowded on these routes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) No Green Line and White Line buses are operating on route No. 100, 131, 730 and 740. However, adequate number of DTC ordinary buses and Red Line buses are already operating on these routes to cater to the need of the commuters. DTC also provides additional bus services from en-route points for the convenience of students, Government servants, old persons and ladies during rush hours.

Operation on Green Line services is dependent upon availability of resources at the disposal of the DTC as well as traffic potential. White Line services were introduced initially only in a few selected rountes on an experimental basis. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have now programmed to issue 100 more permits for White Line buses.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have been implementing the scheme of 3,000 stage carriage permits to private operators to augment the transport facilities for the commuters of Delhi. It has also programmed to introduce point to point motor cycle taxi services with a view to provide cheap transport facilities to the single passengers.

Multi-National Company to Build Port in Gujarat

3795. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have agreed to the proposals of a multi-national company, Cangill of USA to build Port facilities in Gujarat for its exclusive use;

(b) if so, the details of negotiations;

(c) whether any royalty of fees would be paid by Cangill to the Government for permission granted to build and operate docking facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) M/s. Cangill Southeast Asia Limited have approached the Kandla Port Trust for lease of land for building a salt works and dedicated jetty. Certain affected parties have obtained a Stay from the Civil Court against this request. Matter has, therefore, not been pursued further.

Allotment of Funds for Development of National Highways

3796. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criterion and rationable about allotment of funds to various States for the National Highways;

(b) whether the ratio of kilometrage and funds is the same in all the States;

(c) what is such ratio for all the States;

(d) what is the reason for giving a step-motherly treatment to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra in granting such funds; and

(e) whether the discrimination in this regard is proposed to be remedied and if so, by when and in what manner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Funds for development of National Highways are allotted, keeping in view the total cost of works sanctioned, funds already released to the State, progress of execution of works by State PWD, programme of new works depending upon traffic intensity and inter-se priority on all-India basis and total funds available for the purpose. Thus the ratio of kilometrage and funds cannot be taken as a criterion for release of funds.

(d) and (e) Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible to meet in full the demands of various State Governments including those of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. However, there is no discrimination for or against any State in the matter of release of funds for National Highways.

Use of Red Light on Motor Cars of V.I.Ps.

3797. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the list of dignitaries who are entitled to use a Red Light on their cars as provided on the Motor Vehicles Act or otherwise;

(b) whether Government have noticed a number of cars not belonging to or used by the dignitaries in (a) above using the Red lights on cars;

(c) what is being done to crub this unauthorised use of Red Light on cars; and

(d) what is the punishment for such unauthorised use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) As per Rule 108 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, a vehicle carrying high dignitary as specified by the Central Government or the State Government from time to time or a vehicle escorting such vehicle can show a red light to the front. The Central Government has, however, not specified any dignitaries.

(b) to (d) Delhi Police have detected 3 cars using red lights, but not belonging to or used by dignitaries entitled for use of red light in their cars. They were prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the Central Motor Vehicles Act/Rules.

The owner of the motor vehicles having unauthorised red lights are subject to penalties in terms of Section 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The penalty extends to Rs. 100/- for the first offence and upto Rs. 300/- for second and subsequent offence. The implementation of these provisions is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

Inland Waterways Authority of India

3798. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present management structure of Inland Waterways Authority of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that Inland Waterways Authority of India is functioning without a Chairman for many months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the positive development works or policies enunciated during the last four months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Presently, the Management structure of Inland Waterways Authority of India comprises of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman a Member (Technical), Member (Finance) and three part-time Members viz. Joint Secretary In-charge of Inland Water Transport, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser of the Ministry of Surface Transport and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited.

(b) and (c) The post of Chairman is lying vacant w.e.f. 29-1-93. Earlier, the incumbent of the post of Chairman was on Medical leave from 19-8-1992.

(d) The following development works and policies have been initiated recently :—

(i) Policy decision has been taken for the development of channel